Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)* : I want notice. The Cochin Police Officers are also given allowances, such of those as are living in towns are given Rs. 10 per mensem.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi)*: I want to know the exact expenditure involved on a comparison as to who gets more.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: That depends upon the grade each Sub-Inspector gets there.

VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS

19. Education, Rs. 19,81,465

* **Rao Sahib I. N. Menon** *(Director of Public Instruction)*: Mr. President, Sir, I request that the House would be pleased to vote an allotment of Rs. 19,81,465. It has been the usual practice with many members of this House on this side of the House and my practice also in the past, to preface these estimates with a speech. But I find from the number of cut motions tabled that any explanation of these estimates which have already gone through the drill of the Standing Finance Committee and which is going to some extent to be subjected to the criticism of this House in the form of cut motions, will be an inexcusable waste of your precious time and I do not, therefore propose to make any anticipatory speech by way of trying to explain away the point of these cut motions. The figures are there. They are very plain. They have already been subjected to very close scrutiny. The expenditure of this department is one with which the House and even the ordinary tax-payer is very intimately associated. As such, Sir, I do not think that there is any need for any speech from the member in charge of these estimates. Any effort at this state to make any explanation by way of anticipation will have the inescapable effect of trying to disarm criticism and I know that it will be very difficult to suit the cut motions by any such speech. I do not, therefore, propose to waste your time. I therefore request that the House may be pleased to grant this amount of Rs. 19,81,465 under 19. Education.

CUT MOTION No. 1

Changes of text books

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi)*: Sir, I move *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 6,816 for Direction and Inspection by Re. 1.* My object in tabling this motion, Sir, is to bring to the notice of the Government the hardship caused to the public on account of the *frequent change of text-books, particularly in war time.*

Sir, the educational expenditure forms a big item in the family budget of an average citizen of the State and the cost of books is certainly a comparatively large item in that big head. As regards the advisability of the change of books and all that, they are all controversial matters which I do not want to enter into at present. There have been long discussions about that subject. Any way, the House will agree with me in thinking at least that during this time of war when the cost of paper, and the cost of printing and everything of that kind has increased and when the people are finding it very difficult to make both ends meet, we can certainly dispense with a large number of text-books which I would consider a major portion of it is luxuries when compared with the necessities. I would, therefore, suggest that the Government should make it a rule that they should not change books for some time to come so that the text-books that are already there might be used by the students. When all is said and done, there is a syllabus which guides the studies and all these books when written by X, Y or Z will be more or less based on the syllabus and the ideas also, I understand, mostly the same. There may be slight difference in the language of the present author. I therefore submit that even if a change is necessary in normal times in the interests of any section of the public, I say it is highly detrimental to the interest of the parents particularly in these times. I therefore without making any further comment on that, request the Government to accept this and to give effect to it immediately.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur)*: Mr. President, In the Text-Book Committee to which this humble self has been elected by this Hon'ble House, as its representative in the last meeting of the Text Book Committee, I moved a resolution which tantamounts to the motion that is under discussion in this Hon'ble House now. As a matter of fact, I can assure the Hon'ble Members that this has not been the first time that this point of popular agitation has been put for the consideration of the Text Book Committee. There have been about half-a-dozen

* Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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